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To: Microsoft ATR
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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to voice my displeasure with the apparent "kid gloves" approach to the recent Microsoft case. As a user who primarily employs a Macintosh I have to say that I have been on the receiving end of Microsoft's deplorable business practices for quite some time. I wish it to be known that I will be very disappointed in what I will view as acquiescence on the part of the Department of Justice should the DoJ decide not to press Microsoft on its business practices. How long will the government stand for the monopolistic position of Microsoft and the abuses that it enjoys as a result? Are you really afraid that the economy will collapse if you rein in this behemoth? Did communication in the U.S cease to exist when "Ma Bell" was split up? Now is the chance to give competitors a level playing field and let Microsoft stand on the merits of its products rather than on the free rein that the U.S. government has given it to destroy its competition. I don't expect that Microsoft will be sanctioned in any way as a result of this letter or the many other thousands like it that you have surely received. The Department of Justice has given me no reason to believe that it will do ANYTHING to curb Microsoft's DOCUMENTED abuses in light of the fact that it has had chances in the past which were not taken advantage of and that it appears that this opportunity has been squandered as well. In short, if Microsoft's practices are not a clear cut case of abuse from which the Department of "JUSTICE" is designed to protect the citizens of the United States from, then I don't know what constitutes abuse or what the Department of Justice is doing to protect me. I hope my voice can add to the din of outrage at the apparent bowing to the whims of Microsoft.

Thank you for your time,
Justin Merkovich